CCIS are already very high. Besides, the idea of the Government is to gain some more experience in respect of the crops presently covered under the CCIS. However, the matter regarding inclusion of Cotton and Sugarcane in the CCIS has been referred for advice to the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) constituted recently in the Ministry of Agriculture.

*328. [*Transferred to the 6th September, 1990*]

Losses of the State Farms Corporation of India

*329. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the accumulated losses of the State Farms Corporation of India since its inception;

(b) what were its losses during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government propose to close down the Corporation; and

(d) if not, what steps are being taken by Government to make it profitable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The accumulated losses of the SFCI since its inception upto 31st March, 1989 are Rs. 813.45 lakhs.

(b) The profit/loss for the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 is as follows:—

Year	Profit(+)/Loss(—) (Rs. in lakhs)
1985-86	(+) 23.63
1986-87	(+) 5.35

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The working of the Corporation is reviewed by the Government of India from time to time, with a view to improve its performance. The steps taken by the Corporation, to improve its profitability include, modification in the cropping pattern, improvement and augmentation of irrigation facilities, land development worsk and better marketing.

Special cells for recovery of PF arrears

*330 SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether special cells have been constituted to recover the PF arrears; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the nature of the assignment given to these special cells;

(c) whether it is a fact that recovery of huge PF arrears is pending at present against the Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd., Kerala in case of its contract employees; if so, the details thereof and also the procedure adopted to recover the amount; and

(d) what steps are being taken to recover this amount and also to prosecute the FACT management in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) 'Special Monitoring Cells' are at present functioning in Regional Offices of the Employee's Provident Fund in Kerala and certain other regions. These Cells keep watch on payment of contributions and to ensure speedy action for launching prosecutions/revenue recovery against defaulters.